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Dear Ms. Wright:

As a resident of the state of Utah who has had an opportunity to explore the Desolation Canyon area near Price, UT, I would like to submit an official comment regarding the proposed coal mine to be operated in the area by UtahAmerican Energy, Inc. More specifically, this letter is regarding the Determination of Administrative Completeness, New Permit Application, Lila Canyon Extension, Utah American Energy, Inc., Horse Canyon Mine C/007/013-PM02B.

I strongly oppose allowing construction of a coal mine near the mouth of Lila Canyon. Lila Canyon is a wonderful oasis in an otherwise arid region. Lila Canyon, located in the Desolation Canyon proposed wilderness, contains many important natural features including seeps and springs critical for area wildlife such as bighorn sheep. The construction of coal mine facilities in the proximity of the canyon mouth has a strong potential to de-water these seeps and springs as well as significantly disrupt area wildlife. In addition, the presence of coal mine surface facilities will have a strong negative impact on the natural beauty and wild quality of the landscape.

The state of Utah is blessed with some of our country's most diverse and beautiful landscapes. The Desolation Canyon/Lila Canyon area is one of the many spectacular canyon/desert areas that add to the wealth of natural treasures found in our state. I believe it is in the best interest of the citizens and state of Utah to protect remaining natural areas such as Lila Canyon from environmental degradation so that future generations may enjoy these areas as well.

Sincerely,



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